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Sir:

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Documents A1-A3 listed on the attached PTOSB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese patent application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is attached setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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